

Summary of Farm Statistics for St. Croix County

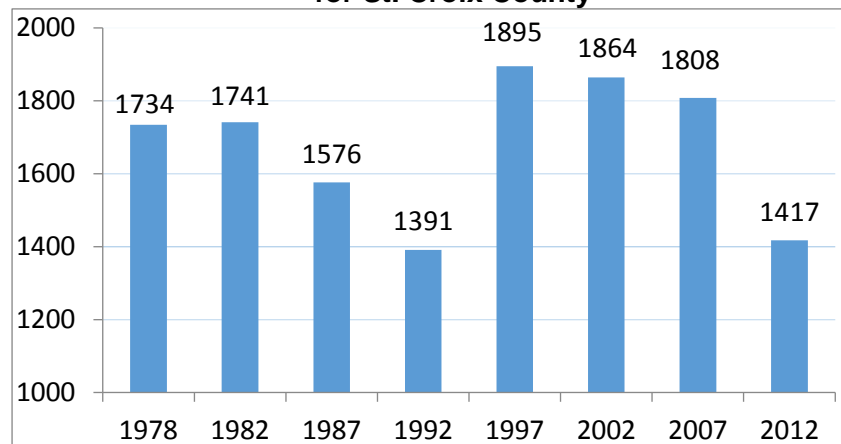
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Source: USDA National Agricultural
Statistics Service – Census's of
Agriculture 1982-2012

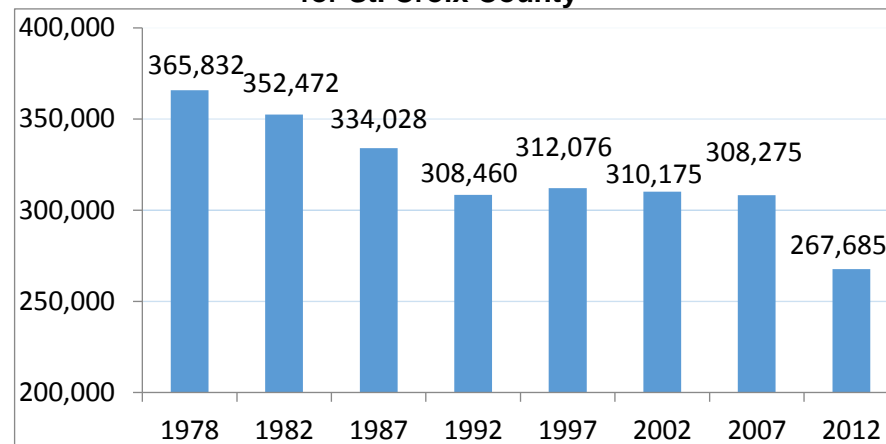
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https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Wisconsin/

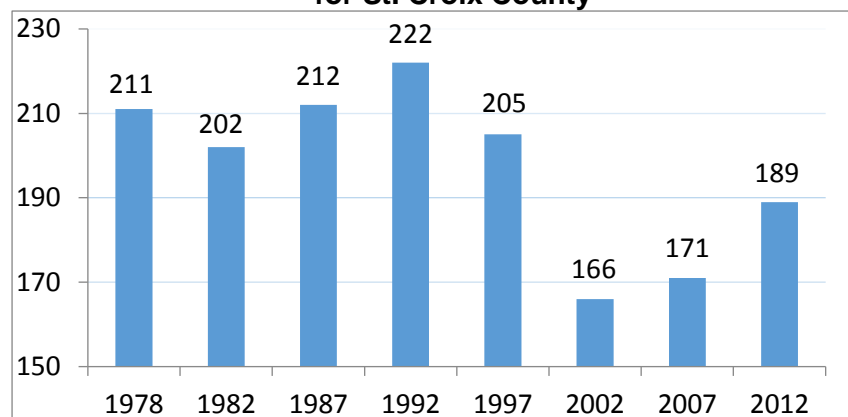
**Total farm numbers between 1978 and 2012
for St. Croix County**



**Total acres of land in farms between 1978 and 2012
for St. Croix County**



**Average farm size in acres between 1978 and 2012
for St. Croix County**

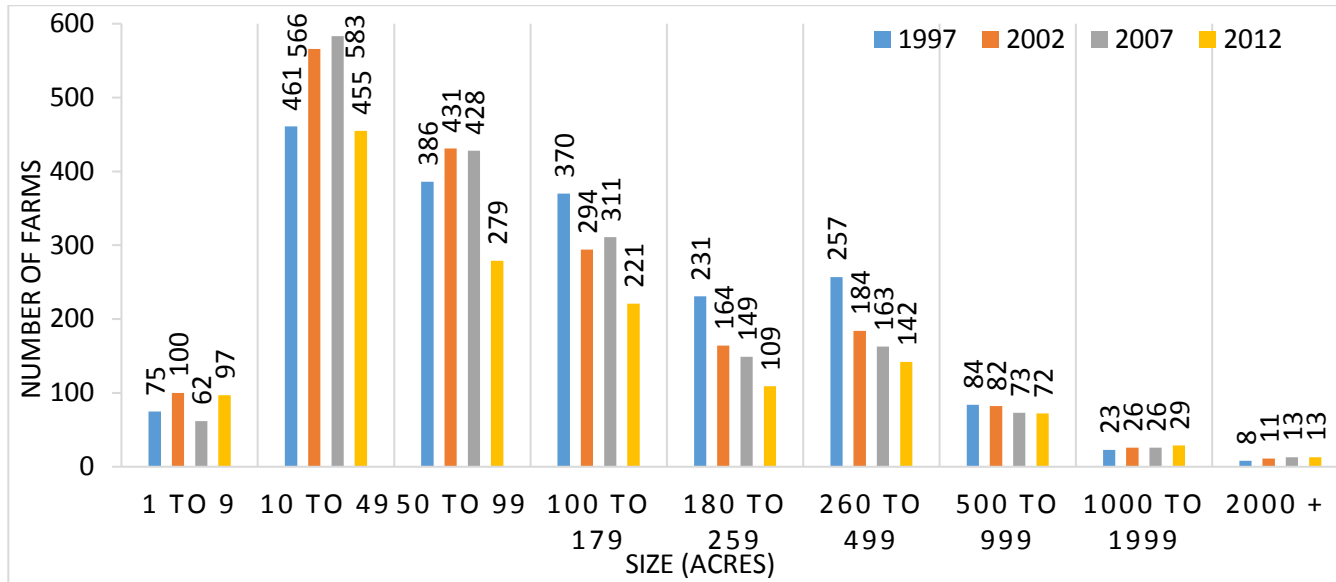


Farm numbers have varied in St. Croix County, peaking in 1997 and the 2000's. The significant change in farms between 1992 and 1997 is due to an increase in small farms, and improved data collection by NASS. The 2012 decline can be partially but not fully explained by the reduction in total land in farms in 2012. The general trend in Wisconsin has been for more small and large acreages, with the number of middle sized acreages decreasing. St. Croix County has followed this trend, albeit to a lesser degree in 2012.

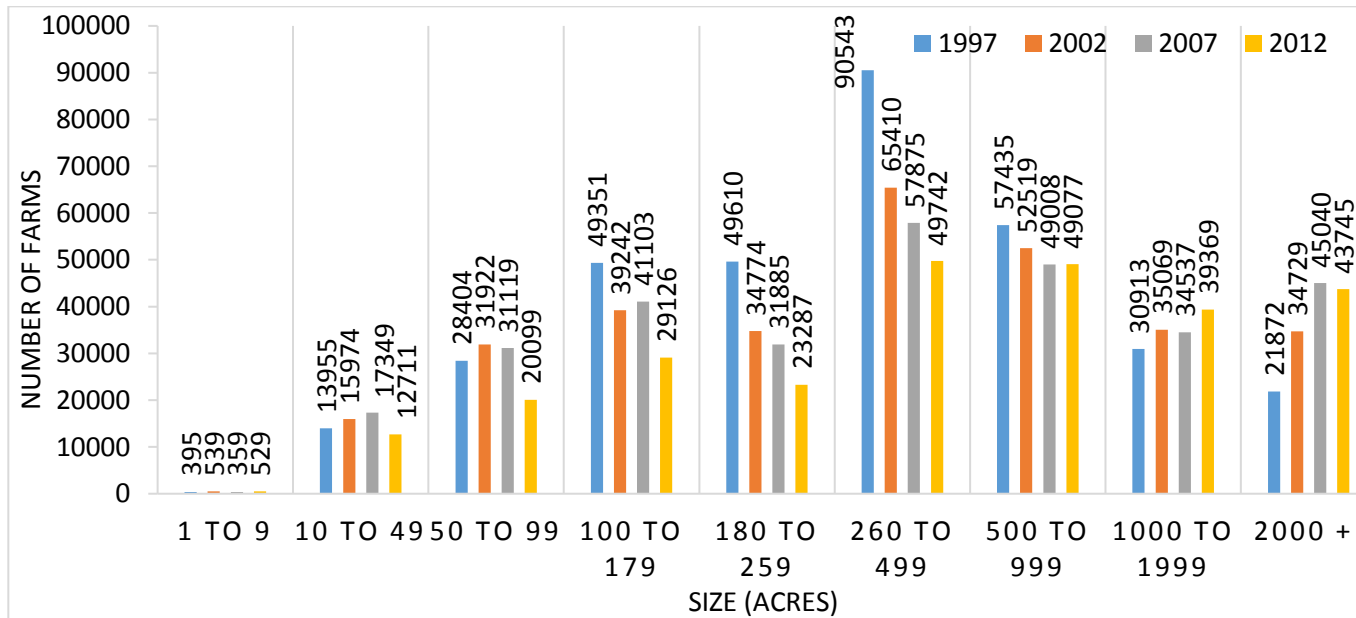
As the number of farms has changed, so has the primary occupation respondents identify with. 1978-1992 the majority of farms identified farming as the primary occupation, with 2007 and 2012 the majority identifying something else as their primary occupation.

The average age of farmers is growing older and St. Croix County has followed this trend. For perspective, the average age in St. Croix County has been 50 or older since 1992.

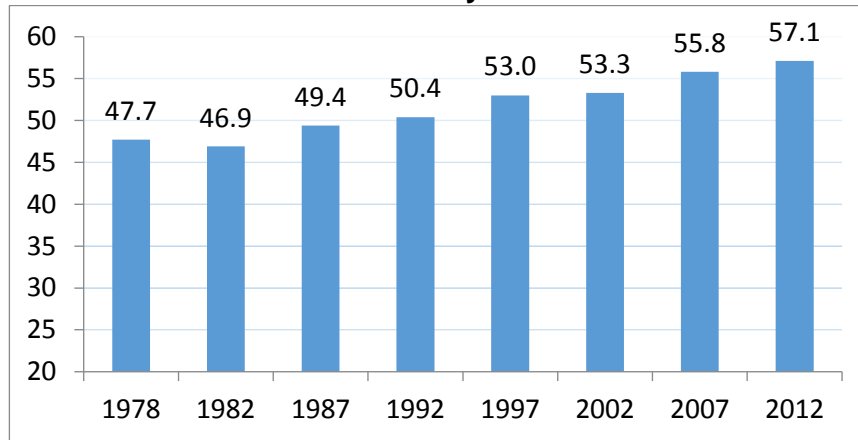
Farm numbers by size in acres between 1997 and 2012 for St. Croix County



Total acres within farms by acre size between 1997 and 2012 for St. Croix County



**Average age of principal farm operator,
St. Croix County 1978-2012**



**Principal farm operator by occupation,
St. Croix County 1978-2012**

